UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

DILLON COMPANIES, INC. d/b/a KING SOOPERS

Employer

and Case 27-RC-264824

UNITED FOOD AND COMMERCIAL WORKERS INTERNATIONAL UNION, LOCAL 7 Petitioner

ORDER

The Employer's Request for Review of the Regional Director's Decision and Direction of Election is denied as it raises no substantial issues warranting review.¹

LAUREN McFERRAN, CHAIRMAN

WILLIAM J. EMANUEL, MEMBER

JOHN F. RING, MEMBER

Dated, Washington, D.C., February 12, 2021.

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We also agree with the Regional Director's determination that the petitioned-for employees share a community of interest with the existing unit of meat and seafood employees. The Employer claims its departmental organization weighs against such a finding, but even if true that factor is still outweighed by the other relevant factors, which support finding a community of interest in this case: the contact, shared supervision, common job function, and similar skills, training, and non-contractual working conditions and terms of employment. The record supports the Regional Director's analysis and findings regarding these factors, which we find to be sufficient to demonstrate a community of interest between the petitioned-for employees and existing unit.

The Board has exercised its discretion under Sec. 102.67(e) of the Board's Rules and Regulations to examine the entire record. We agree with the Regional Director's determination that the petitioned-for employees are an identifiable, distinct segment (and therefore not an arbitrary segment). Cf. *Warner-Lambert Co.*, 298 NLRB 993 (1990). In addition to the factors discussed by the Regional Director, we note that all of the petitioned-for employees share a common function of preparing food and/or beverages to customer specifications and that are in a ready-to-consume form; work behind counters, serving customers under similar working conditions, while wearing similar uniforms, head coverings, and gloves; stock and display products in their respective work areas; and have completed the Employer's food-safety training. By contrast, most excluded employees have no role in preparing food, and only the bakery and produce-department employees have completed food-safety training and are required to wear head coverings or gloves for any portion of their work.